

without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A retroviral vector derived from a lentivirus genome wherein the non-primate lentivirus genome lacks the *tat* gene but includes the leader sequences between the end of the 5' LTR and the ATG of *gag*.

10. (Amended) A retroviral vector according to claim 9 which comprises at least one component from an equine lentivirus.

17. (Amended) A cell transfected or transduced with a retroviral vector according to the retroviral particle obtainable from the retroviral vector of claim 9 or 15.